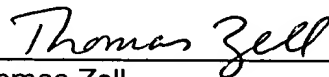


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to examination for the purposes of correcting a typographical error identified in the Figures during preparation of the formal drawings. Proposed changes to the Figures to correct the typographical error is set forth in a Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections attached hereto.

In the event the Examiner considers a personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is hereby requested to call Attorney for Applicant(s), Thomas Zell.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Zell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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